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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SHORT NOTICE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE

REF: 21AFOC MSG DTG 15/02272 JUL 76

1. GOA FINALLY GRANTED OVERFLIGHT AUTHORIZATION AT 1920Z
LAST NIGHT. WE OPENED UP COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUIT TO SEND
CLEARANCE, BUT IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED CABLE THAT IT NO LONGER
REQUIRED.

2. WE REGRET WE NOT ABLE TO GET CLEARANCE EARLIER.

3. OUR INABILITY TO DO SO PUZZLES AND DISTURBS US. IN PAST
ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE. IN THIS CASE, DESPITE OUR
CONSTANT POUNDING, AND WE BELIEVE DESPITE SUPPORT OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE DID NOT PRODUCE
CLEARANCE.

4. FINAL CLEARANCE, WHEN WE GOT IT LAST NIGHT, DID NOT HAVE
AUTHORIZATION NUMBER; FONMIN CALLED THIS MORNING TO GIVE
IT TO US; WE SPECULATE THAT LAST NIGHT'S CLEARANCE MAY
NOT HAVE COME THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

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5. WE TEND TO ATTRIBUTE DELAY TO GAO BUREAUCRATIC INTERTIA

AND INCOMPETENCE RATHER THAN TO DELIBERATE OBSTRUCTIONISM,
THOUGH WE CANNOT RULE OUT LATTER.

6. WHATEVER THE REASON, WE COULD NOT REPEAT OUR PAST
SUCCESS IN GETTING SHORT NOTICE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES.
WHETHER THIS IS PRECURSOR OF FUTURE DIFFICULTIES OR
ISOLATED INCIDENT WE CANNOT SAY. WE REMAIN READY AND WILLING
TO DO ALL WE CAN IN SUCH CASES, BUT REGRET FULLY ADVISE
ADDRESSEES TO BE AWARE THAT RESULTS APPEAR LESS SURE THAN
PREVIOUSLY. PARKER

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